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Philippe ascends throne of divided Belgium



Crown Prince Philippe of Belgium during his oath-taking ceremony. (AFP)

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Philippe became Belgium's seventh king yesterday, vowing to strive for unity in a nation increasingly divided by language after his father Albert II abdicated at a ceremony charged with emotion.

The new sovereign, who at 53 becomes "King of The Belgians," was sworn into office by the joint houses of parliament shortly after Albert, aged 79, stepped down citing age and failing health.

"I swear to abide by the constitution and laws of the Belgian people, to maintain national independence and the integrity of the land," Philippe,

dressed in full military uniform, said in the country's three languages -- French, Flemish and German.

President Barack Obama sent his best wishes to both the old and the new kings of a country that hosts key global institutions, the EU and NATO.

With political tension on the rise between the country's two main regions -- Dutch-speaking northern Flanders and the French-speaking south -- the monarch has increasingly served as a unifying force in the country of 11.5 million at the heart of Europe.

"I begin my reign with the will to serve all Belgians," Philippe said in a first speech as king that brought a standing ovation in the federal parliament.

As cannons boomed out a 101-gun royal salute, he added: "Belgium's strength lies in giving meaning to our diversity."

"Let us all together show our country a new surge of enthusiasm."

Flanked by his popular wife Mathilde, the first Belgian-born queen, Philippe and their four young children were greeted with wild cries of "Long Live the King" by a sea of people as they appeared on the palace balcony.

Pope heads to Brazil today

Pope Francis today makes his first trip outside Italy and fittingly for the first Latin American pope he is flying to Brazil, home to more Roman Catholics than any other nation on earth.

The trip to Brazil is to celebrate World Youth Day, a week-long festival of play and prayer that brings together more than 350,000 youngsters from around the world. The Vatican, mindful of uniting so many spirited youths together in one place, has promised them indulgences, which in Catholic theology are the removal of the punishment from some sins.

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After 100 years, combined of coming to Aruba, these ladies love it more than ever



Elenore with Pamala Billings and Katherine Solomon

Aruba has some long-time visitors, whose highlight of their year is an annual vacation on Aruba. A long time devotee is Elenore Kowalcheck, of Tinton Falls, N.J. whose recalls her first visit to the island with her husband John, was before her daughter and annual com-

panion, Karen, was born. We would never tell a lady's age here, but that was some time ago.

Elenore and John purchased timesharing at what is now the Renaissance Ocean Suites, when the resort was just breaking ground. "Then it was to

be called Harbortown," recalls Elenore. "We were looking at nothing more than a mound of dirt and they showed us some drawings. By this time, after visiting several other Caribbean islands, we know Aruba was the place we wished to return to every year, so we bought in. A few years later we also purchased an extra two weeks at the Divi Village when that was going up."

Elenore cites that what she and her late husband John enjoyed most about coming to Aruba was the time they spent with their "extended vacation family." The acquaintances they made around the pool deck became steadfast friends. Even after John passed on, Elenore continued to return to Aruba twice a year, and reports, "I was never alone. There were always wonderful friends to spend the day with and have dinner with. They never made me feel like the odd man out...despite my husband being gone, I still thoroughly enjoyed my time on Aruba."

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Miss Aruba 2012-2013 Larisa Leeuwe made a donation to 4 different local foundations



On July 18th, 2013, Larisa Leeuwe organized an event called: "1st Annual Appreciation Night" to show appreciation and honor her team and 4 local foundations that have worked hard to create awareness and to reduce the problem of domestic violence in her beautiful Country Aruba. During this event Larisa donated a total sum of 20.000 Aruban Florins (approx. US \$ 11400), that was divided amongst 4 different local foundations.

Larisa donated a check of

5.000 Aruban Florins (approx. US \$ 2850) to each foundation separately. Her goal is to let help these foundations work together in a network. She also that people in the community and all over the world raise their voice against domestic violence.

The total sum of the donation has been made possible by the different fundraising events that Larisa organized for her social project "Aruba against Domestic Violence" during her reign. The founda-

tions that received the necessary aid are: " Fundacion di Hende Muher den Dificultad" (Foundation Women in Difficulty), "Fundacion Guia Mi" (Foundation Guide Me), "Fundacion Respeta Mi" (Foundation Respect Me) and "Fundacion "Casa Cuna Progreso" (Foundation Foster Home Progress).

Larisa wants to express her gratitude once more towards her complete team of volunteers who have worked tirelessly to help raise the funds, and the volunteers and employees of the 4 above mentioned foundations for their dedication and courage demonstrated for many years working under difficult circumstances. Furthermore Larisa would like to thank all the businesses and people that in some way or another have contributed or donated to the project "Aruba against Domestic Violence", without their support the project could not have become a success.

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Lawrence and Gwen Miller honored by ATA at the Divi Phoenix



Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple as Ambassadors of Goodwill of Aruba. The honorees were Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Gwen Miller from Honey Brook PA. Lawrence and Gwen are Loyal members of the Divi Phoenix. The certificate was presented to them by Mr. Ernest Giel, representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, together with Mrs. Avril of the Divi Phoenix.

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Larisa Leeuwe made a donation

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Domestic Violence affects our entire community and that's why it is important that we work together as one to help fight this problem. Therefore Larisa is making a plea to the people of Aruba to make a joint effort to put an

end to Domestic Violence.

"It takes a dedicated group of people to reach a common goal, but it only takes one person to make the first step towards that goal."

APA Launch & Tug Crew honored with Refresher Basic Training Certificates



Last Friday afternoon the Refresher Basic Training Certificates (STCW Table A VI/1-4) were presented to APA's Maritime personnel (Launch and Tug Crew). The port's Managing Director, Alfonso Boekhoudt had the honor of recognizing the team for a job well done in presence of Mr. Hornwah (Sonny) Ho-Nautical Advisor to the port, and the Captain and Crew of the FREEWINDS where all the training was held. Recipients include: Adriaan Kock, Natalio Maria, Rafael Maduro, Maikel Bisslik, Oscario Ras, Robert Bisslik, Eugene Tromp, Franchot Scoop, Pedro Figaroa, Gregory Thode, Eric Koolman, Everaldo Dubero, Alex Werleman and Rafael Martis.

It is customary that the port takes advantage of the low season to promote educational gatherings amongst its

team members known as One Perfect Summer sessions. This particular training conducted by De Ruyter Training & Consultancy consisted of the following:

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Exclusive interview with Ryan Reynolds

From The Morning News' Special Correspondent in Hollywood: Noel de Souza.

A-List action star and People Magazine's "Sexiest Man Alive 2010," Ryan Reynolds, is the voice of the super-charged-snail in the animated film "Turbo," which opened at local theaters last week. The story is of a slow but steady gastropod who dreams of winning a Formula 1 race, and is determined to do so against all odds.

Reynolds also bring to the screen the character of "Nick," in "R.I.P.D.," inspired by the popular graphic novel, opposite Jeff Bridges. It opens at Aruban movie theaters this coming Thursday, July 25. This action/comedic romp has the recently deceased cop, played by Reynolds, joining the "Rest in Peace Department," which polices wayward souls prefer to linger on earth. The film also explores the idea that a job you loved doing while alive on earth should be a career in after-life, with some novel twists. "I found this concept highly intriguing," reports TMN Special Hollywood Correspondent, Noel de Souza, "and was eager to ask Ryan if he would want to be an actor in the hereafter. When we met, that was exactly my first question."

RR: That's a very esoteric question and my response can be somewhat controversial; so I'll say that I don't believe that we carry our psyche with us as we go. I think that's somewhat arrogant to say, but I don't have a myopic belief that this is it, I don't believe that we shut our eyes to this dumb show one day and then it's blackness. I do believe that we carry energy forward, much like nature. Its ashes to ashes. Every thing kind of falls apart and then matter is carried onto some place else. But no, I don't think that I

will be getting into hair and makeup after I'm finished with this world. I certainly hope not.

NDS: IN 'TURBO' YOU ARE A SNAIL WHO WANTS TO ENTER A SPEED CAR RACE AND IS IN LOVE WITH SPEED. WHAT'S YOUR PERSONAL NEED FOR SPEED AND WHAT KIND OF A DRIVER ARE



The voice of Turbo

YOU?

RR: I drive like a little old lady, to be honest. I not a race car driver. When it comes to motorcycles that's a different thing. I'm a big motorcycle enthusiast. I do race them, flat track, dirt bike and sport bikes.



I love all that stuff. I love motorcycles.

NDS: HOW MANY MOTORBIKES DO YOU HAVE?

RR: Oh God! I have old bikes. An old Triumph Bonneville, an old Vincent, that one I love. I have an old Ducati. I own nothing new so I am constantly working on them. I enjoy fixing them.

NDS: SITTING HERE TODAY YOU LOOK VERY CASUAL BUT DAPPER AND WELL GROOMED. SO I WAS WONDERING WHAT ARE YOUR STYLE AND GROOMING ESSENTIALS?

RR: I put this all together myself, no styling and grooming things. I wish I could tell you that I spend four or five hours before I come here in expert lighting, but I don't. For me it's pretty basic stuff. It's shampoo. Soap, toothpaste and out the door. That's about it.

NDS: DOES YOUR WIFE BLAKE LIVELY HELP YOU WITH YOUR STYLE; DOES SHE PICK YOUR OUTFITS?

RR: You know I think anybody in a relationship is going to have some sort of a say as to how you are dressed; you walk over and they are your personal mirror. No, Blake does not pick my clothes but she does approve of most of the stuff that I wear.

NDS: YOUR WARDROBE IS INCOMPLETE WITHOUT WHAT?

RR: Oh, hmm. That's a good question, I really don't know... Adult diapers? The briefest of briefs? You know I'm on my motorcycle a lot so usually it's finding a good, old leather jacket. I have one that I've had



for I don't know how long, ten years? I've had it re-stitched a bunch of times cause it slowly kind of stretches. I love that jacket, I'm obsessed with it. So to answer your question - it's a good, old leather jacket that can take a beating, yeah.

NDS: WHAT IS THE ONE ESSENTIAL THING THAT EVERY MAN SHOULD HAVE IN HIS CLOSET?

RR: I think a cardigan is kind of important because you can wear it with anything. You can dress up any outfit with a cardigan. So I think a nice cardigan, a good cardigan, is something to have.

NDS: WHO IS YOUR STYLE ICON?

I love Cary Grant. I love that you can look at pictures of him through his entire life and always go, "Oh, I love that he's wearing that." He had these favorites that he always wore. He had this brown cardigan that he wore all the time

throughout his older years. I'm friends with his daughter Jen, so I look at the cardigan and can imagine it on him.

NDS: CARY GRANT HAD HIS OWN PERSONAL STYLE; HOW WOULD YOU LABEL YOUR STYLE, AND DO YOU HAVE A STYLIST?

RR: I sometimes use a stylist when I have a lot of press stuff coming up, it's mainly to find suits or a tailor and stuff like that. But I don't know what words I would use to describe my personal style. I do believe in the importance of a well tailored suit; it doesn't necessarily matter what the brand is or the fashion house. As long as it is tailored well it's going to look good on you. Guys in particular, they wear these big boxy kinds of suits and they don't look good, so just a bit of tailoring and it's going to look great.

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NDS: YOU ARE IN A BUSINESS THAT HAS A LOT OF PRESSURE, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU ARE A STAR. THIS CAN BE QUITE STRESSFUL, HOW DO YOU ESCAPE?

RR: I escape in fairly healthy ways. It's not LSD anymore. I hate to sound like a broken record but a motorcycle ride will do it for me, if I'm stressed out or something. I go for a little ride just four miles or so and then I'm good.

NDS: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

RR: Sushi. Yeah, I love sushi.

NDS: WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO AT HOME WHEN YOU'RE NOT WORKING?

RR: For me it's like a luxury to sit down and read a book. It's actually sitting down and cracking open a book. That is when I know that I have a little bit of time, real time, off. So I will read - I love to read.

After 100 yrs combined of coming to Aruba

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Elenore and her steadfast companion, Daughter Karen Horn

Sixteen years ago, Karen began coming down every year with Elenore during the summers, when she had her break from her teaching job in Neptune City, New Jersey. Elenore eventually sold her Divi Village week in November, as Karen's job did not allow her to travel at that time. Karen particularly loves visiting with island residents she has befriended over the years, many the owners of the jewelry stores where she enjoyed shopping.

During her many visits, Elenore formed a friendship with another long-time visitor

and widow, Katherine Solomon, also a Jersey Girl, from Trenton. She enjoys the ambiance of Oranjestad as her center of operations while on vacation. Between the two, the ladies have around 80 years of vacationing on Aruba. Katherine's good friend, Pamela Billups, has joined her on the yearly Caribbean sojourn, as "Kitty," as she is popularly known, also does better with a traveling companion at this time in her life, but is determined not to miss her annual Aruban vacation. "I began coming to Aruba five



Good friends Elenore Kowalcheck and Katherine Solomon

years ago, and we both love this time we spend on the island," explained Pamela. "We love everything about our resort too; the apartment, the beautiful pool deck and the spectacular view of the Caribbean Sea from our room that we wake up to each morning."

Between them, these four ladies have 100 years of visiting Aruba, and they plan to have many more.

Rosalie Klein



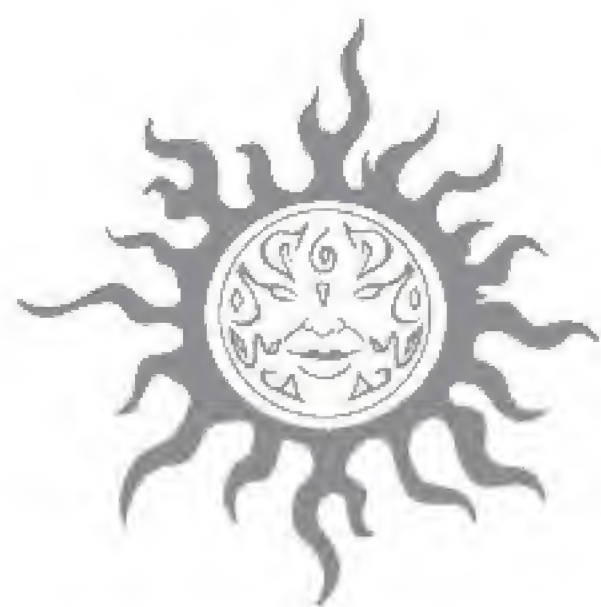
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Egypt urges peaceful demos as panel works on charter

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt's new cabinet yesterday held its first meeting and urged parties to keep their demonstrations peaceful, as a panel named to amend the constitution called on all sides to contribute.

In Cairo hundreds of women marched to the defence ministry to protest the killing of three women on Friday at a rally in Mansura of supporters of deposed Islamist president Mohamed Morsi.

Footage broadcast on private television station ONTV showed soldiers blocking the way to the defence ministry, barring the road with barbed wire.

Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood, meanwhile, outlined plans for ending the political crisis in Egypt after nearly

three weeks of protests calling for his reinstatement, insisting again on his return.

Forging ahead with an army "roadmap" for political transition, foreign minister Nabil Fahmy launched a public relations campaign to boost the army-backed administration's credibility abroad.

The caretaker cabinet, in a meeting chaired by prime minister Hazem Beblawi, urged "all political parties to express their opinions peacefully, and to renounce violence," after weeks of mass protests by pro- and anti-Morsi demonstrators, some of which turned deadly.

The meeting focused on Egypt's battered economy and the security situation.

A newly appointed panel of four university professors and

six judges also held talks on drafting a new constitution at the Shura Council, or upper house of parliament, the official MENA news agency said.

The head of the panel, the president's legal adviser Ali Awad, said the body would accept suggestions for amendments from all groups and political parties for the next week.

In the wake of the July 3 coup, Egypt's new leadership suspended the constitution that had been drawn up by an Islamist-dominated panel and adopted by referendum in December with a majority of 64 percent, but with a voter turnout of just 33 percent.

Interim president Adly Mansour appointed the constitutional committee on Saturday.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

PM Abe wins big in Japan upper house poll



TOKYO (AFP) - Voters handed Prime Minister Shinzo Abe a thumping victory in upper house elections yesterday, exit polls showed, likely ushering in a new period of stability for politically volatile Japan.

The projected victory means both chambers will be under government control, unblocking the bottleneck that has hampered legislation for the last six short-term premiers.

That will strengthen Abe's hand as he tries to push through painful, but necessary, structural reforms aimed at dragging Japan out of two decades of economic malaise.

"We want to respond to people's desire to feel a sense of economic improvement," Abe told reporters as the results emerged.

"I want to make a virtuous cycle of improving the employment situation, increasing salaries and bringing about a rise in corporate investment."

Exit polls by NHK showed Abe's Liberal Democratic Party and its junior partner New Komeito claimed at least 73 of the 121 seats being contested.

There are 242 legislators in

the upper house, serving six-year terms. Elections are held for half of the seats every three years. The coalition already has 59 seats that were not up for election yesterday.

Since romping to power in December's vote for the more powerful lower house, the hard-charging Abe has unleashed a wave of spending and pressured the central bank to flood the market with easy money.

The moves -- the first two "arrows" of a project dubbed "Abenomics" -- sent the yen plunging, to the delight of exporters, and the stock market soaring.

This, coupled with some feel-good figures on GDP growth, powered 60-percent-plus public approval ratings for the prime minister, whose disastrous first turn in the top job, till September 2007, has paled in the public mind.

The third arrow of Abe's policy program remains hazy, but will include corporate tax breaks, special business zones, plans to boost the number of women in the workplace and Japan's participation in a mooted free trade area that encircles the Pacific.



CARACAS : Three boats remain anchored near the Tortuga island, in the south of the Caribbean Sea, Venezuela, during an inspection of the Venezuelan Minister of Tourism on July 20, 2013. The national government suspended by 30 days the tourist boats arriving to the island to make a clean-up operation. (AFP PHOTO)



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Tight security after French riots sparked by veil row

PARIS (AFP) - France's interior minister said yesterday security forces would remain in place "as long as necessary" after a second night of violence in the Paris suburbs sparked when police stopped a woman for wearing a veil.

Manuel Valls told French radio he would keep in place "a significant police presence until a lasting calm is restored" in and around the satellite town of Trappes, south-west of Paris.

Police made four arrests in the region in the early hours of Sunday as they came under a hail of projectiles and rioters burned some 20 vehicles in Trappes and surrounding areas.

Things were calmer than on the previous night, however, when some 250 youths gathered in Trappes and hurled stones at police who responded

with tear gas.

A 14-year-old boy suffered a serious eye injury in the clashes and several police officers were also hurt.

The unrest was sparked by an incident on Thursday when an officer stopped a woman wearing a veil.

During this inspection, the woman's husband attacked and apparently tried to strangle the officer, said prosecutors.

However, Muslim groups accused the police of "provocation".

Valls said he did not doubt "for an instant" that the police officers acted with respect towards the woman when conducting their check.

Since April 2011, France has had a ban against full facial veils, outraging many in its Muslim community.

Fifteen Colombia soldiers killed in rebel ambush

BOGOTA (AFP) - Fifteen Colombian soldiers were killed Saturday in an ambush by leftist FARC rebels, the country's president said, raising concerns about peace talks launched last year.

"Our hearts are with the families of the fifteen heroes who sacrificed their lives in Arauca for the tranquility and security of their fellow citizens," President Juan Manuel Santos said.

He said the soldiers were attacked in the eastern region bordering Venezuela by about 70 rebels, twelve of whom were captured by government forces. Five of those seized were wounded, he added.

"These attacks are not the way. They will be confronted forcefully," Santos said.

"I instructed our forces not to stop shooting until the conflict is over."

Peace talks between the rebels and the government opened last November in Cuba, the fourth attempt since the 1980s to end Latin America's longest-running armed conflict.

The half-century old guerrilla war has left 600,000 dead, more than 3.7 million displaced and 15,000 missing.

The latest casualties come just hours after the military said six FARC guerrillas and four soldiers were killed in clashes in the southwest of the country.

Late Friday meanwhile, the FARC announced it had captured a former US soldier and was ready to release him as a gesture toward the peace talks.

UN voices growing fears for Somalia

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - The United Nations has voiced fears about a new media law in Somalia only days after UN experts sounded the alarm over corruption in the African country's new government.

The UN Human Rights Office has urged President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud's government to review a new law that would require journalists to reveal sources and prevent them spreading information against Islam or Somali traditions, a statement said yesterday.

Rupert Colville, spokesman for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human

Rights, said the legislation was "vague" and "could easily be used to curtail freedom of expression." The draft legislation, which could become law within two months, requires journalists to reveal their sources if published information stirs up public sentiment. It would suspend journalists accused of violating the media legislation.

The president took power with UN and widespread international backing in September, heading a government that took over from eight years of corruption-riddled transitional rule.

Seven injured in Mexico oil pipeline blast



MEXICO CITY (AFP) - An oil pipeline exploded in a rural area of central Mexico early yesterday, igniting a huge blaze that injured seven people, authorities said.

Petroleos de Mexico, the state oil company, said that the blast was caused by an attempted theft of crude oil. Five policemen and two firefighters were injured when they responded to the explosion and fire, the state of Mexico's secretary for security said.

Pemex said they got too close to the blaze and were injured in a secondary explosion. Two patrol cars were incinerated by the fire.

"The fire in the oil pipeline has been suppressed," Pemex said.

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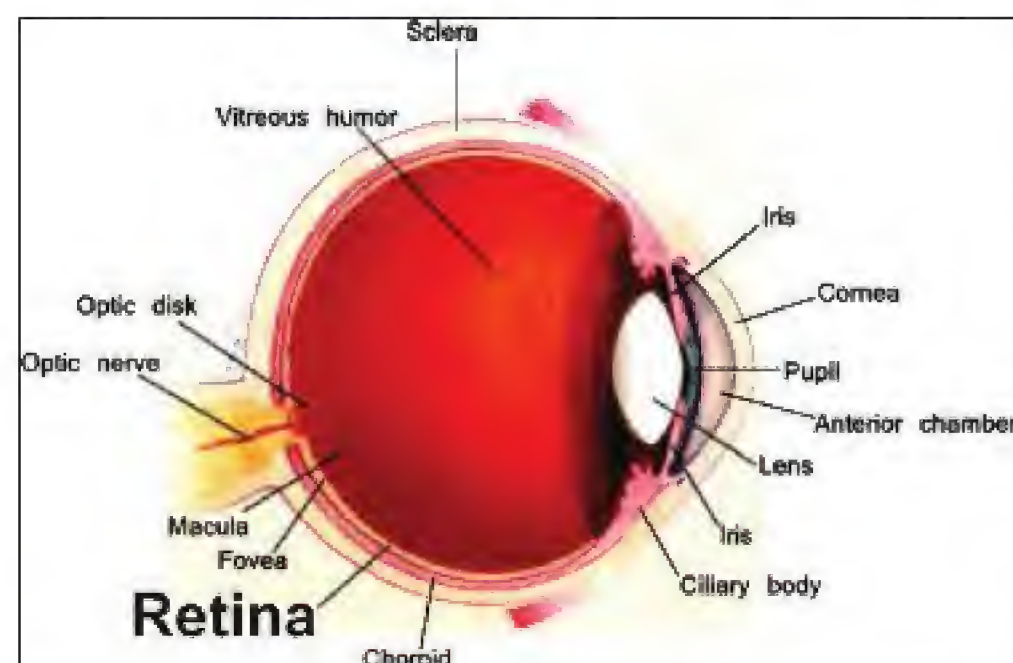
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Stem cell advance boosts prospects for retina treatment



PARIS (AFP) - Blind mice have been able to see once more in a laboratory exploit that marks a further boost for the fast-moving field of retinal therapy, according to a study published on Sunday.

Scientists in Britain used stem cells -- early-stage, highly versatile cells -- taken from mice embryos, and cultured them in a lab dish so that they differentiated into immature photoreceptors, the light-catching cells in the retina.

Around 200,000 of these cells were then injected into the mice's retinas, some of which integrated smoothly with local cells to restore sight.

The rodents were put through their paces in a water maze and examined by optometry to confirm that they responded to light.

Embryonic stem cells "could in future provide a potentially unlimited supply of health photoreceptors for retinal transplantations to treat blindness in humans," Britain's Medical Research Council (MRC) said in a press release.

Photoreceptor loss lies behind degenerative eye diseases such as retinitis pigmentosa and age-related macular degeneration, also called AMD.

Stem cells have triggered a huge interest and investment on the back of hopes that they can become replacement tissue, grown in a lab dish, for cells damaged by disease or accident.

But the exciting field has to overcome big obstacles.

One is the ability to coax these immature cells into safely becoming the specialised cells that are needed, rather than turn cancerous.

This is where the new work marks a gain, according to lead researcher Robin Ali at the University College London Institute of Ophthalmology and Moorfields Eye Hospital.

His team previously found that sight could be restored in blind mice by transplanting immature photoreceptors called rod cells that were taken from the retinas of healthy rodents.

The latest research takes things further because the

transplanted material comprises all the different nerve cells needed for sight -- and they were not taken from other animals.

Instead, they were grown in a lab and differentiated into the right cells thanks to a new technique, pioneered in Japan, that replicates the shape of the retina.

"Over recent years, scientists have become pretty good at working with stem cells and coaxing them to develop into different types of adult cells and tissues," said Ali.

"But until recently, the complex structure of the retina has proved difficult to reproduce in the lab. This is probably because the type of cell culture we were using was not able to recreate the developmental process that would happen in a normal embryo."

Ali added: "The next step will be to refine this technique using human cells to enable us to start clinical trials."

The study appears in the journal *Nature Biotechnology*.

Last month, Japanese authorities approved proposals for the world's first clinical trials using stem cells harvested from a patient's own body.

The goal is to test therapy for AMD using so-called induced pluripotent stem cells, or iPS.

These are adult cells that have been reprogrammed to return to their infant, versatile state. Provided that they are proven safe, they can provide a non-controversial alternative to stem cells culled from early-stage embryos.

Deaths rock trust in India school meals scheme

NEW DELHI (AFP) - The fatal poisoning of 23 Indian children has rocked trust in the world's largest free school meals scheme, but experts say some pupils have no choice but to eat the lunches.

The nationwide scheme feeds some 120 million youngsters every day and is seen as key to persuading parents who are battling poverty to send their children to school rather than condemn them to illiteracy and malnutrition.

But since dozens of pupils fell ill last Tuesday at a primary school in the eastern state of Bihar, reports have emerged of other mass hospitalisations and even maggots being found in some meals.

Tens of thousands of children were reported to be refusing to eat their lunches in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy.

While there has been widespread revulsion over the revelations, experts say the scheme is nevertheless a crucial weapon in the war against malnutrition and also serves to undercut caste prejudice.

Forensic tests have shown

that the oil used to cook the lunch in Bihar contained a "highly toxic" form of insecticide, underlining fears that monitoring of food quality is inadequate.

The children died after eating lentils, potatoes and rice cooked with oil containing an agricultural insecticide that was five times the strength sold in the market place, according to the tests.

"I can accept accidents can happen anywhere," activist Dipa Sinha of the Right to Food Campaign told AFP.

"But the scale of this incident and the carelessness, the sheer callousness of the response, the delay in treating the children, is shocking."

The tragedy may have caused widespread shock but it is hardly an isolated incident.

But Alex George, of ActionAid India's Child Rights Hub, told AFP poor families had little choice but to allow their children to take part in the scheme.

"For them, this midday meal is often the only wholesome meal they may get in a day."

A government survey last year found that 42 percent of Indian children under the age of five were underweight.

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Sci-Tech

Missing lynx: Climate change to wipe out rarest cat



PARIS (AFP) - Within 50 years, climate change will probably wipe out the world's most endangered feline, the Iberian lynx, even if the world meets its target for curbing carbon emissions, biologists said on Sunday.

The gloomy forecast, published in the journal *Nature Climate Change*, says that without a dramatic shift in conservative strategy, the charismatic little wildcat seems doomed.

The lynx -- Latin name *Lynx pardinus* -- grows to about a metre (3.25 feet) in length, weighs up to 15 kilos (33 pounds), and is characterised by its spotted beige fur,

pale yellow eyes and tufted ears and cheeks.

Only around 250 of the animals live in the wild, holed up in two regions in southern Spain, the Sierra Morena and the Doñana National Park, according to estimates published last year.

In just half a century, its range has shrunk from 40,600 square kilometres (15,600 square miles) to 1,200 sq. km. (463 square miles), driven by efforts to wipe out the rabbit, its main food, as well as poaching and fragmentation of its grassland-and-forest mixed habitat.

The new study, led by Miguel Araujo of the National Museum of Natural Sciences in Madrid, models the impact of rising temperatures and changing rainfall patterns on habitat, rabbits and lynxes.

On current trends, the changes will occur too fast for the lynx to adapt, it suggests.

"Climate change is predicted to have a rapid and severe negative influence on Iberian lynx abundance, exceeding its ability to adapt or disperse to more climatically favourable regions where prey densities are sufficient to support viable populations," says the study.

Music streaming hits 70% of market in pioneering Sweden

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Music streaming companies now account for 70 percent of all music bought in Sweden, home of Spotify, the world leader in the field, official industry figures revealed on Sunday.

The Swedish Recording Industry Association (GLF) said physical sales of music now stood at just 25 percent, confirming the march of digital music in the pioneering country.

The remaining five percent of consumers downloaded music to own on a hard drive. GLF said the percentage of streamed music, where songs are downloaded but not kept permanently on computers, had risen from 57 percent in 2012. Sales of music overall grew by 12 percent in the first half of this year and have been increasing steadily since 2008, while not reaching the heights seen at the beginning of the last decade.

"The strong growth seen in 2012 continued in 2013, and the Swedish consumer's preference for streaming is clearer than ever," said Ludwig Werner, director in Sweden of the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry.



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Overheating

Overheating leads to the internal fans to run faster - which in turn consume more battery. Use a laptop cooler to keep the temperature at bay.

Driverless tractors till German high-tech farm

DERENBURG (AFP) - As the harvest nears, the employees of German farmer Klaus Muenchhoff are busy making the final checks on imposing tractors ready to roll into the golden fields.

But these tractors are steel monsters with a difference -- driverless and satellite-guided, they can operate on the fields with an accuracy of a few centimetres (inches).

Impervious to fatigue and indifferent to poor visibility, they reduce distances travelled by each vehicle, saving their owner fuel costs and improving crop yields.

Muenchhoff converted his farm in Derenburg, in the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt, a decade ago following a high-tech trend that is drawing growing interest.

"My job now is management," he says.

The robust 60-year-old reigns over a 1,000 hectare (2,500 acre) farm that grows wheat and rapeseed, continuing a long family tradition.

The Muenchhoffs have tilled this land for nearly 200 years.

However, his work has changed radically since he turned to "precision agricul-

ture", which started in the United States in the 1980s and employs cutting-edge technologies to separately manage each plot rather than uniformly treat an entire field.

Besides the GPS guided tractors, Muenchhoff has set up optical sensors that can measure the nutritional status of plots and scanners that assess a plot's soil composition, thus reducing fertiliser consumption.

There is an ecological aspect, but the main focus is economic.

In six years, the farmer says he has saved nearly 150,000 euros (\$200,000) by reducing the use of phosphorus and potassium -- a significant advantage amid wild swings in commodity prices.

"Twenty years ago, for a field of 100 hectares, we needed 10 tonnes of phosphorus. Today, we need two to five tonnes," said Muenchhoff.

On his computer, he scrolls through charts, tables, digital maps and satellite photos, which are now essential tools.



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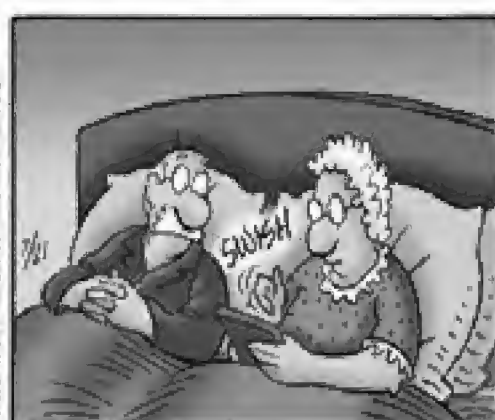
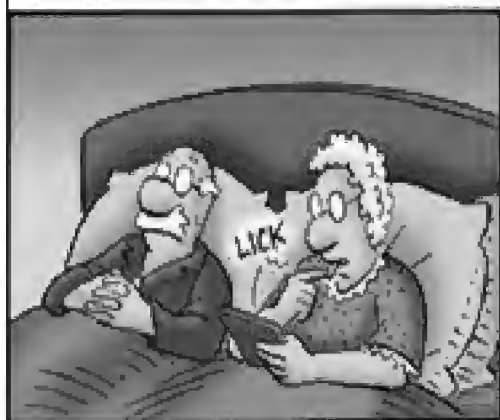
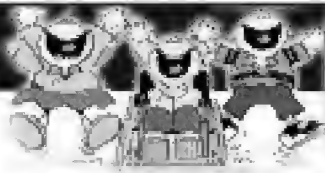
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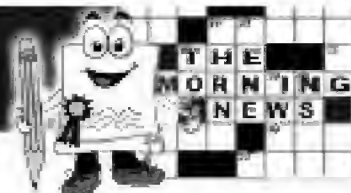
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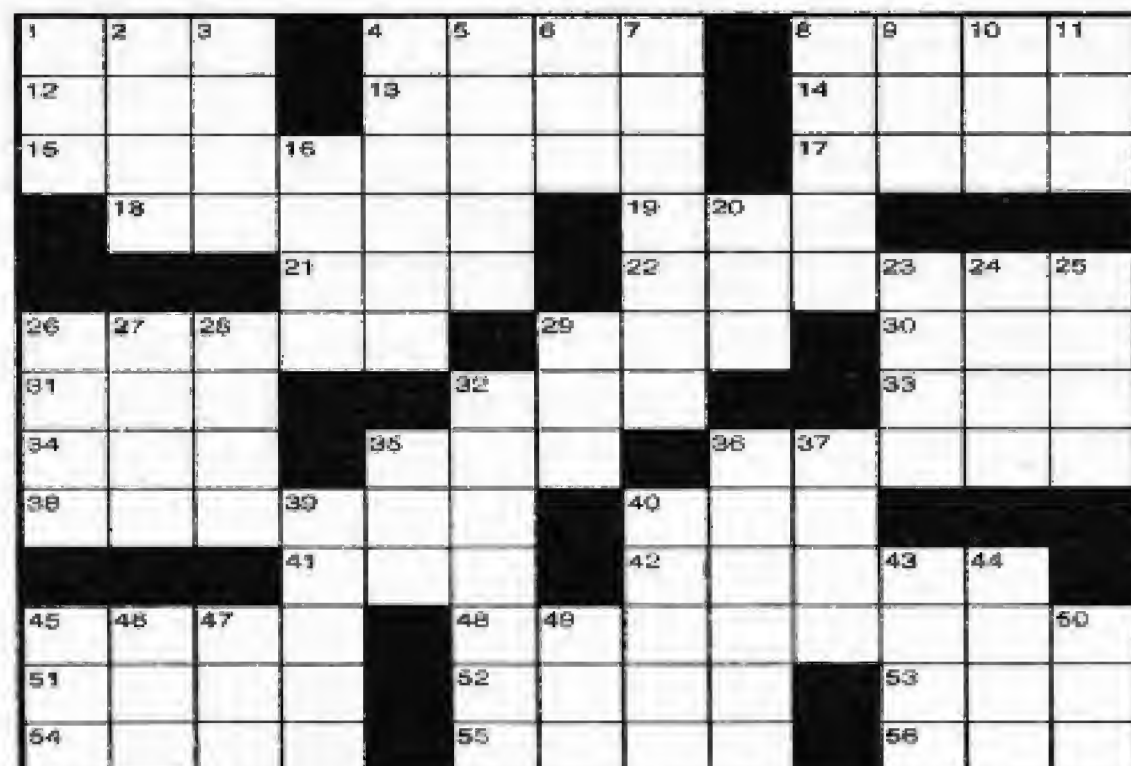
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31. Cleanser ingredient
32. "So long!"
33. Wide street (abbr.)
34. Alias letters
35. Mediocre mark
36. Actress Leigh
38. Soften
40. Address bk. line
41. "Just _____ suspected!" (2 wds.)

42. Like Catherine Zeta-Jones
45. Envelope feature
48. Craved water
51. Dove coop
52. Ice cream _____
53. Go wrong
54. Pick out the best
55. Mind
56. Jazzman Montgomery

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2. Charged atoms
3. Eat between meals
4. Stop talking (2 wds.)

5. Felt sick
6. TV knob (abbr.)
7. Put in bondage
8. Upper body
9. Reporter's question
10. Legal _____ Society
11. Call for help
16. Docile
20. Meadow mom
23. Genghis _____
24. Gutter locale
25. No, to Yuri
26. Bang shut
27. Little kid
28. Authentic
29. Needle feature
32. Enchant
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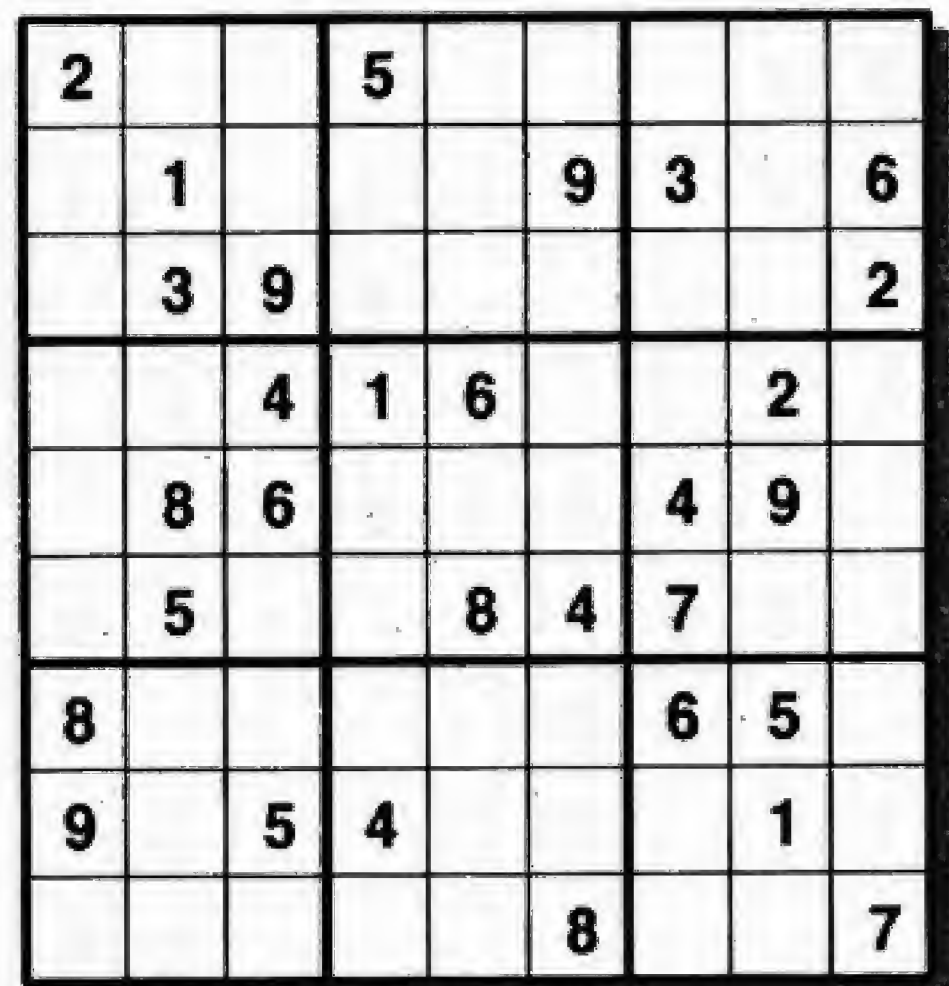
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FINANCE

G20 puts growth before austerity as recovery splutters

MOSCOW (AFP) - Facing a fragile recovery and the threat of a new economic slowdown, the G20 this past weekend agreed to prioritise boosting growth and jobs and for now to pay less attention to reducing swollen budget deficits.

At a meeting in Moscow in an exhibition hall just outside the Kremlin walls, the finance chiefs from the top 20 advanced and emerging economies in the world showed an unusual unanimity over the risks and priorities for the economy.

Spooked by the depth of slowdowns over the last years, there was clear agreement that for now governments had to go full out to create jobs, boost demand and increase productivity.

The economic recovery is "fragile and uneven", the finance ministers and central bank chiefs said in their final statement, while unemployment was deemed "excessively high" in some countries.

"Global economic conditions remain challenging," admitted IMF managing director Christine Lagarde.

While the United States and Japan show signs of sustainable recoveries, growth in the eurozone remains sluggish and

even Asian powerhouse China is now showing a decline in its output growth.

"The debate between growth and austerity seems to have come to an end, as captured in the G20's strong statement on growth and jobs," said one senior US treasury official.

The official argued that the G20 had accepted that fiscal positions could only be corrected once growth and demand are put on a sustainable path.

"To place the global economy on a stronger, more sustainable and more balanced growth path, we will intensify our policy actions," the final statement said, calling for an action plan to be agreed at the Saint Petersburg G20 summit in September which will be the culmination of Russia's presidency of the group.

Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov, a number-crunching bureaucrat who never strays from his brief, was among top officials expressing concern about US plans to scale down its quantitative easing (QE) program that has sought to breathe new life into the US economy.

Russia and other nations are worried that a sudden about-turn by Washington could im-

pede their own recoveries and create unwelcome headaches for national governments at a critical time.

Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke has said the Fed could begin cutting the QE program, which injects some \$85 billion a month into the economy via bond purchases, later this year and end the program by mid-2014.

The G20 ensured there was a reassuring note in their communiqué that any changes to programs like the Fed's quantitative easing would be "carefully calibrated and reassuringly communicated".

The US treasury official said there was a recognition among the G20 members that as economies like the US strengthen, the normalisation of macro economic policy is both to be expected and welcomed.

The squeeze on budgets also encouraged the G20 to "fully" endorse an action plan put forward by the OECD to clamp down in tax avoidance schemes by big multinational companies.

OECD Secretary General Angel Gurría said the changes proposed would result in the "most fundamental changes to tax systems since the 1920s".

SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer

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No federal bailout seen for Detroit

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Michigan's governor said yesterday he would not seek a US government bailout for Detroit, saying bankruptcy was a necessary path to rebuild the once great American auto city.

"And I don't expect one. I've said before that the state cannot bail out the city of Detroit," Rick Snyder said on CBS' "Face the Nation" talk show. "It's not just about putting more money in a situation."

The city filed for bankruptcy on Thursday, saddled with \$18 billion in debt and a tax base depleted by decades of population loss and urban blight.

It's the largest US city to declare bankruptcy, and the move

set off shock waves even though decades of fiscal mismanagement had made it foreseeable.

Nearly half of the city's debt is to underfunded pension plans and retiree health benefits, making current and former city workers potentially the biggest losers in a bankruptcy reorganization.

Steven Rattner, the former investment banker who led the restructuring of GM and Chrysler, this week called on the federal government to step in with financial assistance.

Vice President Joe Biden, however, told reporters this week the administration did not know what it could do.



HANOI : AFP photo shows people enjoying food at a KFC restaurant in downtown Hanoi. McDonald's announced on the weekend it would launch its first restaurant in communist Vietnam next year after granting a franchise to the son-in-law of Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung.



BARCELONA : Anti-eviction activists protest as they occupy a Caixa bank office during a protest against mortgage debt organized by anti-eviction activists of the the Platform of People Affected by Mortgage in Barcelona on the weekend. (AFP)

Pakistan power company seeks divine help to stop theft

PESHAWAR: Pakistani commuters are seen riding past a poster from the Electric Supply Company in Peshawar. A Pakistani power company is appealing to its customers' religious consciences in a desperate bid to get them to stop stealing electricity -- a major hurdle in efforts to stem crippling blackouts. The Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) has taken out front page adverts in three major newspapers in the country's northwest during the Islamic month of Ramadan, reminding readers that stealing electricity is a sin.



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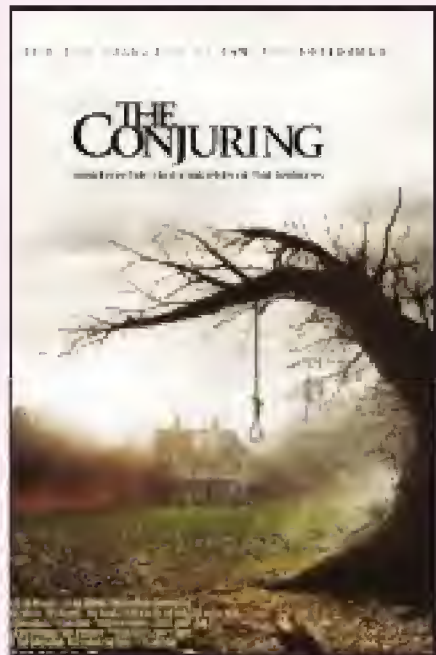
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Horror flick 'The Conjuring' leads box office



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Horror flick "The Conjuring" was a hit at the North American box office this weekend, scoring its way to the top, industry estimates showed Sunday.

The creepy production about paranormal investigators, starring Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga, took in \$41.4 million, industry tracker Exhibitor Relations said.

The newcomer ousted "Despicable Me 2" from the pole position, pushing the comedy with Steve Carell voicing villain-turned-doting father Gru -- which took in \$25.1 million -- down a notch.

Fellow newbie "Turbo" -- a computer-animated comedy about a speed-loving snail directed by David Soren -- came in third with \$21.5 million between Friday and Sunday.

It was followed by "Grown Ups 2" -- a sequel about a group of middle-aged men who reunite after the death of their basketball coach and spend the summer together.

The film, a star vehicle for comedians Adam Sandler and Chris Rock, brought in \$20 million.

Fifth place went to action comedy "Red 2," whose high-profile cast includes Bruce Willis, John Malkovich and Helen Mirren.

The sequel to the 2010's "Red" tells the story of elite operatives as they scramble to locate a missing nuclear device. It took in \$18.5 million in its first weekend on the big screen.

The Godzilla-like monsters of "Pacific Rim" trailed in sixth place with just under \$16 million.

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Britain's royal baby: 10 strange facts



LONDON (AFP) - There's still no sign of Britain's royal baby, even though the world's media have been camped for three weeks outside the London hospital where Prince William's wife Catherine is due to give birth.

As the "Great Kate Wait" continues, here are 10 things you might not have known about the little future monarch:

1) Genealogists say the baby will be distantly related to Dracula, the 15th century prince who inspired Bram Stoker's famous vampire. Experts have also traced the

family tree back to an Islamic sultan who is believed to be descended from the Prophet Mohammed.

2) Finland has gifted William and Kate with a special 'baby box' received by all expectant mothers in the Nordic country, which includes infant clothing, bra pads and even condoms.

3) By custom, earlier royal births were witnessed by the interior minister, in order to ensure that the heir was legitimate. Luckily for Kate, this tradition ended in 1936.

4) The baby does not necessarily need to have a surname -- but if William and Kate want it to have one, they can choose between Mountbatten-Windsor, Wales and Cambridge.

5) World landmarks including Niagara Falls, Toronto's CN Tower and the fountains at London's Trafalgar Square will turn pink or blue to celebrate the birth, depending on whether it is a girl or boy.

6) The journalists camped outside Kate's hospital are almost crying with boredom after a three-week wait, but it was a different story when William was born in 1982.

His mother Princess Diana fooled the press by telling them her son was due on July 1 -- he arrived 10 days earlier, catching the newspapers completely offguard.

7) You can place your bets on everything from the baby's name to what its hair colour will be. The bookmakers' favourite names are Alexandra for a girl and George for a boy.

But you could win big if William and Kate opt for one of the unlikelier choices -- Prince Wayne, for example,

has odds of 500/1.

8) The baby already has its own Wikipedia page -- "Child of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge".

9) Former Australian prime minister Julia Gillard has knitted a kangaroo for the baby.

10) Football superstar David Beckham has suggested that the royal couple should name their baby after him. "I think they should go for David," he said in an interview this week, adding: "If it's a boy."

Jay Z and Beyonce join US protests over slain teen



Beyonce, Jay Z, Sybrina Fulton and Al Sharpton attend 'Justice For Trayvon' in New York City.

civil rights leader Al Sharpton. Briefly overcome with emotion as she thanked the crowd for their support, Fulton vowed to ensure her son's death would not be in vain but pleaded for protests to be kept peaceful. "Trayvon would be proud," she told the crowd.

"Not only do I have to do what I have to do for Trayvon, I'm going to work for your children as well."

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Superstar couple Jay Z and Beyonce joined protesters across the United States on Saturday amid simmering anger over a not-guilty verdict in the shooting death of black teenager Trayvon Martin. A call for nationwide vigils designed to press for federal action in the emotionally charged case drew thousands to one New York rally. Elsewhere turnouts were more modest, with the crowds drawn overwhelmingly from the black community.

The surprise appearance of hip hop star Jay Z and his wife, pop superstar Beyonce Knowles, helped swell the crowd at a Manhattan protest addressed by Trayvon's mother, Sybrina Fulton, and

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches



and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of

Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the

investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Chef's Table, "A hidden gem" close to both Palm and Eagle Beach resorts



--Tucked away down the main Bubali Road, just a mile from the Super Food market is one of Aruba's most charming eateries, known for fine food and exceptional surrounding. Chef's Table has been described by loyal patrons as "a hidden gem," and the attention to quality by the amiable staff will prompt the new visitor to agree.

Delightful decorations of original art set the mood in this converted landmark



country home, divided into several cozy rooms. There is also the choice of dining al fresco in the central gardens, one of the great options of eating out on Aruba.

A gourmet menu includes such unique items as an individual Mediterranean Fish Pot, served with pasta, or a creative sauce for the very fresh catch of the day. Guest particularly rave about their



"Surf & Turf," of lobster and filet mignon, uniquely marinated duck breast, and "Black & White Sesame Tuna" served with a Lemon-Zucchini Risotto.

Chef's Table is one of those few restaurants you can count on to be open both Sunday and Monday, as Wednesday is their day off. Don't miss the opportunity to



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SPORTS

Serena racks up 51st win to take Swedish title



BASTAD (AFP) - World number one Serena Williams racked up her 51st win of the year on Sunday when she cruised past home player Johanna Larsson in the Swedish Open final.

Williams showed little mercy as she swept to a 6-4, 6-1 victory to take the 53rd WTA title of her career.

Larsson, 24, ranked 76th in the world, had no answer to the Williams arsenal and her third WTA final went the way of the previous two, ending in defeat.

French Open winner

Williams, 31, was contesting her 69th final and is unbeaten on clay this season, having also won in Rome, Madrid and Charleston.

Previously, the most WTA main draw match wins Williams had at this stage of the year was 38, back in 2003.

"Johanna played well, and I made a lot of unforced errors in the beginning -- I just hit everything out," Williams said whose career titles now match those achieved by Monica Seles.

Ronaldo enjoys seaside romp as Real hit six

BOURNEMOUTH (AFP) - Cristiano Ronaldo and his Real Madrid team-mates enjoyed their trip to the seaside on Sunday as the Spanish giants romped to a 6-0 victory in a pre-season friendly against English minnows Bournemouth.

Real's visit to the English holiday resort was one of the more unlikely warm-up fixtures in recent memory, but the presence of such a star-studded line-up sparked a frenzied response in the usually sleepy south-coast town.

When Bournemouth announced details of the glamour friendly at the end of last season, the club were criticised for charging £60 for tickets, but the sell-out 12,000 crowd, many of whom had queued overnight when seats went on sale, demonstrated Real's pulling power.

A new temporary stand was erected at the Goldsands Stadium especially for the occasion, and those fans crammed in for a once in a lifetime chance to see some of the sport's biggest names were rewarded as Real boss Carlo Ancelotti sent out a strong side.

Former Manchester United forward Ronaldo was the star attraction, while Luka Modric, Karim Benzema and Mesut Ozil all started, as did recent signings Daniel Carvajal and Isco.

With nine European Cups and 32 Spanish league titles to their name, Real are one of the most decorated clubs in the world and would never usually dream of occupying the same pitch as a team like Bournemouth, whose solitary honour of note is the third tier championship.



Germany stun China with world 10m synchro gold

BARCELONA (AFP) - China's Olympic champions Cao Yuan and Zhang Yanquan suffered a shock de-

feat in Sunday's 10m men's synchronised platform final at the world aquatic championships as Germany claimed a historic gold. Sascha Klein and Patrick Hausding claimed victory with 461.46 points from Russia's Victor Minibaev and Artem Chesakov second on 445.96 as Chinese teenagers Cao and Zhang came third with 445.56. This was Germany's first ever synchronised diving gold at a global championships and their first world diving title since 1973.

"Crazy! I am a world champion, nothing else matters," said an elated Hausding, who hails from Berlin, after the pair's success.

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Pakistan beat West Indies In fourth one-dayer

GROS ISLET (AFP) - Pakistan defeated the West Indies by six wickets on the Duckworth/Lewis method in the fourth one-day international at the Beausejour Stadium on Sunday.

Set a revised target of 189 off 31 overs after the West Indies had totalled 261 for seven off 49 overs, the Pakistanis reached 189 for four with six balls to spare with Mohammad Hafeez top-scoring on 59.

They lead 2-1 in the series with one match tied ahead of the fifth and final game in St Lucia on Wednesday.

"I am very pleased. We were looking to exploit the pitch but the rain came early," said Pakistan skipper Mis-

bah- ul-Haq who was unbeaten on 53.

"It was like a normal T20 game, Hafeez and I wanted to play normal cricketing shots. It was the case of not panicking. The team will gain from the momentum today."

Marlon Samuels, with an undefeated 106, was the West Indies top scorer.

"West Indies cricket is still on the rise so we want the fans to stay with us," he pleaded.

"I set high standards and I'm still in good nick. If you look at my career I have never failed consistently. The coach has been telling the players to give ourselves a chance. There is some fire burning inside me so I had to let it off."



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Froome crowned Tour champion as Kittel stuns 'Cav'



PARIS (AFP) - Britain's Chris Froome was crowned champion of the 100th edition of the Tour de France as Germany's Marcel Kittel powered his way to his fourth win on the 21st and final stage on Sunday.

Team Sky's Froome, the winner of three stages in this edition, claimed his maiden yellow jersey with a winning margin of 4min 20sec on second-placed Colombian Nairo Quintana of Movistar.

"I think it's going to take a while to sink in," said a triumphant Froome, who succeeded teammate and compatriot Bradley Wiggins, absent this year, as the yellow jersey champion.

"It really has been a special edition of the Tour de France this year. Every day I woke up knowing I faced a fresh challenge... and I have to thank all my teammates for helping me achieve this dream."

Froome, whose mother Jane died in 2008 three weeks before he raced his maiden 'Grande Boucle', paid tribute as he stood atop the podium.

"I'd like to dedicate this win to my late mother, without her encouragement to follow my

dreams I would probably be at home watching this event on TV," he added.

"It's a great shame she never got to come see the Tour."

Race debutant Quintana, who moved up to second place thanks to his maiden stage win at the summit finish of Ancey-Semnoz on Saturday, secured the race's white jersey for the best young rider and the best climber's polka dot jersey.

He was joined on the podium by Spaniard Joaquim Rodriguez (Katusha), third at 5:04 and one place ahead of former two-time winner Alberto Contador of Spain, who slipped to fourth on Saturday's penultimate stage.

Slovakian Peter Sagan of Cannondale won the points competition's green jersey for the second successive year with a tally of 409 points and a 97-point lead on former winner Mark Cavendish of Britain.

Argos sprinter Kittel ended Cavendish's hopes of a fifth consecutive win on the Champs Elysees when he out-sprinted the Omega-Pharma sprinter and German Andre Greipel of Lotto in a thrilling dash for the line.

Mighty Mickelson wins Open at last



GULLANE (AFP) - Phil Mickelson won the British Open for the first time at Muirfield on Sunday, one month after his heartbreak at the US Open where he was runner-up for a record sixth time.

The 43-year-old lefty saved his best for last as he came down the brutal back nine at the famed links course east of Edinburgh in 32, birdieing four of the last six holes, for a five-under 66.

That gave him a three under total of 281, three strokes clear of Henrik Stenson of Sweden, who had a closing 70.

Third place was shared by English pair Lee Westwood (75) and Ian Poulter (67) as well as Australian Adam Scott (72) who birdied the 18th.

Mickelson won in what was his 20th Open campaign and it was his fifth major title after the Masters of 2004, 2006 and 2010 and the PGA Championship of 2005.

It came just one month after he had endured the agony of a record sixth runner-up finish at the US Open behind Justin Rose and vaults him up to second in the world rankings behind Tiger Woods and ahead of Rory McIlroy.

"This is such an accomplishment because I never

knew whether I'd be able to develop my game to play links golf. I played arguably the best round of my career, and shot the round of my life," he said.

"The range of emotions I feel are as far apart as possible after losing the US Open. To win this feels amazing."

"You have to be resilient in this game. These last couple of weeks, these last couple of months, I've played some of the best golf of my career."

Westwood, who started the day with a two stroke lead over the field, once again found himself coming up agonisingly short at a major tournament, the 62nd of his career.

"I didn't really play well enough today. I didn't play badly, but I didn't play great. It's a tough golf course, and you've got to have your 'A' game," he said.

It was the third straight Open won by a golfer in their 40s with Ernie Els and Darren Clarke both 42 when they won at Royal Lytham and Royal St George's, respectively.

Mickelson also became the first player in history to win the Scottish Open and then go on to win the British Open the following week.

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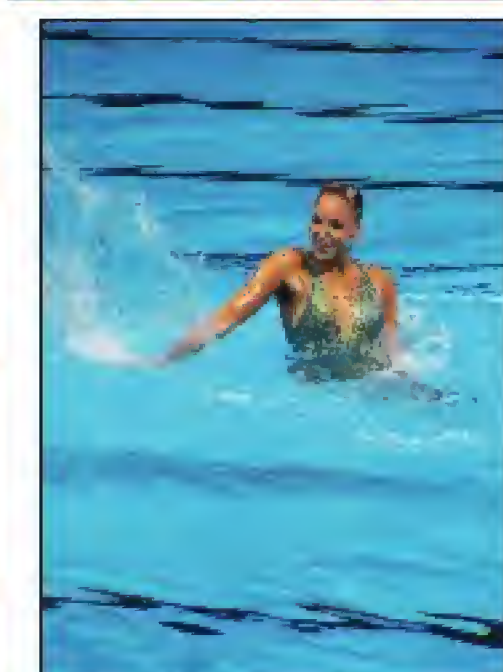
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Aruba's Anouk Eman at position #26 in solos during Synchro World Championships



Aruba's soloist Anouk Eman recently participated at the World Championships in Barcelona, Spain.

It was her debut and what a debut: she finished at the 26th position in the technical solo in synchronized swimming.

Anouk performed to the rhythm on the Beatle's classic "Oh Darling," sung by Sasha Allen on the program "The Voice." Anouk received a total of 71.500 points from the panel consist-

ing of 14 judges. Overall Eman finished tied at the 26th spot among 35 participants in this highly competitive event.

"It is the first time that I was completely satisfied with my presentation, Anouk said. It feels different competing solo at this level. I was so nervous at Costa Rican event (CCCAN), more than here. I was under no pressure and could just enjoy the experience. Sometimes I feel like I am being pushed by the

music, but today I felt totally in control."

Coach Lori Eaton: "Our intention for Anouk to participate in the technical solos was to capitalize on her technical abilities and her maturity in the water, this way demonstrating that she is one of the strongest swimmers in the American continent. Swimming solo in the sport of synchronized swimming is very difficult. The requirements are high as one must have total control of one's

body and music interpretation which only comes after years of experience. We felt this would be a good experience for Anouk's development and I felt that she give a great presentation. She looked as if she was enjoying herself immensely and the coaches noticed this too!"

Before CCCAN, the last time Anouk presented solo was at the Copa Synchro Peru in 2009, and after that her focus was mostly on duets and team, competing at the Lindenwood University for the last three seasons.

2013 was the first time Anouk competed at a World Championship representing Aruba.

Russia's Svetlana Romashina finished in first place during the preliminary technical rounds with a score of 96.200 followed by China's Huang Xuechen with 95.100 points.


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